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SUBJECT: U.S. EXPORTS OF OAK LUMBER FROM OAK WILT AREAS

REF: FASTO 174

1. YOUR LETTER OF AUGUST 21 ARRIVED ONE DAY AFTER REFTEL.
2. DR. DREES, PLANT PROTECTION SERVICE, MIN.AG. WILL BE ON LEAVE UNTIL EARLY OCTOBER.
3. DISCUSSIONS WITH HIS ASSISTANT INDICATE FRG APPROVAL OF LUMBER FROM OAK WILT AREAS WILL NOT BE FORTHCOMING RAPIDLY ENOUGH TO ALLOW EARLY SHIPMENT OF LUMBER PRESENTLY BEING HELD BY U.S SHIPPERS FOR THE GERMAN MARKET. PREVIOUS CORRESPONDENCE DID NOT APPEAR TO ORIGINATE FROM TRADE IMPACT. AS A RESULT MINISTRY ASSIGNED A LOW PRIORITY TO THE SUBSTANTIATING RESEARCH AND, IN FACT, HAS ALMOST SUSPENDED FURTHER WORK ON THE MATTER PENDINO EC HARMONIZING PROCESSES. PRESENT STATE OF EC EFFORTS WOULD PROVIDE FOR THREE PRECAUTIONARY ALTERNATIVES PLUS CERTIFICATION: (A) A RESTRICTIVE AREA CLAUSE, (B) BARKSTRIPPING PLUS KILN-DRYING, OR (C) OTHERWISE EFFECTIVELY DESTROYING WILT PATHOGENS IN THE COUNTRY OF ORIGIN.

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4. AT OUR URGING, MINAG. REPRESENTATIVE WILL EXAMINE THE POSSIBILITY OF AMENDING THE LEGISLATION ON THE BASIS OF THE MATERIAL PREVIOUSLY AND CURRENTLY SUBMITTED AND AFTER REVIEW BY FRG EXPERTS. AT BEST SUCH ACTION, WHICH REQUIRES BUNDESRAT APPROVAL, WILL PROBABLY NOT BE Z COMPLETED BEFORE THE EARLY PART OF NEXT YEAR, ASSUMING THAT THE SUBMITTED MATERIAL IS SUFFICIENTLY DISCLOSIVE TO SATISFY THE FRG BOARD OF EXPERTS.

5. A TRANSLATED COPY OF OUR LETTER TO THE MINISTRY WILL BE AIRPOUCHED TO USDA/APHIS
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